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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating
to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the fol-
lowing bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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States relating to contributions and expenditures in-
tended to affect elections.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following article is proposed as an amendment
4 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
5 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-
6 tion when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
7 the several States:

1 “ARTICLE—

2 “SECTION 1. To advance the fundamental principle
3 of political equality for all, and to protect the integrity
4 of the legislative and electoral processes, Congress shall
5 have power to regulate the raising and spending of money
6 and in-kind equivalents with respect to Federal elections,
7 including through setting limits on—

8 “(1) the amount of contributions to candidates
9 for nomination for election to, or for election to,
10 Federal office; and

11 “(2) the amount of funds that may be spent by,
12 in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.

13 “SECTION 2. To advance the fundamental principle
14 of political equality for all, and to protect the integrity
15 of the legislative and electoral processes, each State shall
16 have power to regulate the raising and spending of money
17 and in-kind equivalents with respect to State elections, in-
18 cluding through setting limits on—

19 “(1) the amount of contributions to candidates
20 for nomination for election to, or for election to,
21 State office; and

22 “(2) the amount of funds that may be spent by,
23 in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.

1 “SECTION 3. Nothing in this article shall be con-
2 strued to grant Congress the power to abridge the freedom
3 of the press.

4 “SECTION 4. Congress and the States shall have
5 power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate
6 legislation.”.